

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11 and 14-16 are allowed.

Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a), as obvious over Park et al. (US 2002/0136958 A1).

Claims 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a), as being unpatentable over Park et al. (US 2002/0136958 A1).

These rejections are traversed, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for her careful consideration and allowance of claims 1, 3-7, 9-11 and 14-16.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) AND 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Since the present application claims priority of Korean Application No. 2000-25767, filed May 15, 2000, it is respectfully submitted that the date of the present invention is prior to the date of invention of Park et al. (US 2002/0136958 A1), which was filed January 17, 2001. Hence, Park et al. is not a proper prior art reference under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) or 35 U.S.C. §103(a). A verified translation of the priority document, Korean Application No. 2000-25767, is attached hereto in support of said priority.

CLAIMS 12-13 AND 17-18

Since the date of the present invention is prior to the date of invention of Park et al. (US 2002/0136958 A1), it is respectfully submitted that claims 12 and 17 are allowable under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) and are not anticipated by Park et al. (US 2002/0136958 A1). Similarly, since the date of the present invention is prior to the date of invention of Park et al. (US 2002/0136958 A1), it is respectfully submitted that claims 12 and 17 are allowable under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) and are not obvious in view of Park et al. (US 2002/0136958 A1).

Since claims 13 and 18 depend from claims 12 and 17, respectively, claims 13 and 18 are deemed to be allowable for at least the reasons that claims 12 and 17 are

allowable.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1, 3-7, and 9-18 are pending and under consideration. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11 and 14-16 have been allowed.

It is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot, and further, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any additional fees associated with the filing of this Response, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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